स्थलों पर बन्डालिंग कार्य किए गए । दोनों जलमार्गों पर नौचालन नहरें दिन के नौचालन के लिए निर्दिष्ट की गई ।

4.90 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत से पटना में एक सामान्य कार्गो बर्थ के निर्माण की एक स्कीम को सितम्बर, 1991 में मंजूरी दी गई है ।

(ग) राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों पर सुलभ कराई गई नौचालन नहर और टर्मिनल सुविधाओं से कार्गो और यात्रियों के परिवहन के लिए नौवहन और नौचालन सुकर होगा ।

Centre's Non-payment for Mandovi Bridge

2593. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have discontinued to pay the Goa Government on the matter of running ferry service at the site of collapsed Mandovi Bridge in Goa ;

(b) If so, since when and what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether it is the duty of Centre to maintain and run the works between the National Highways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Union Government have not discontinued payment to Goa Government, as regards running of ferry services at the site of collapsed Mandovi Bridge.

(c) Yes, Sir. It is the duty of Central Government to maintain and run ferry services on National Highways.

Widening of G. T. Karnal Road

2594. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to develop and widen G.T. Karnal road between Murthal and Karnal on National Highway from one lane to 2 lanes and has assigned the job of construction to any company ;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) what was the number of road accidents on this section during 1990-91 and upto end of November, 1991; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government to stop such accidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. The work of widening the existing 2-lane carriageway to 4-lanes in Murthal-Karnal Section of NH I was initially awarded to :—(i) M/s. NBCC for Section I; and (ii) M/s. Continental Construction/Balfour Beaty Joint Venture for Sections II to IV. Since then M/s NBCC have been expelled from Section I and the job has been re-bid. In Sections II to IV, M/s Continental Construction are now carrying out the work on their own on the basis of a supplementary agreement after breakup of the Joint Venture.

(b) The overall progress of work of construction upto September, 1991, as per reports received from State PWD, is 6.48% for Section I, 9.59% for Section II, 15.49% for Section III and 5.02% for Section IV.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) As ascertained by the State PWD from police authorities, 471 accidents took place in this secton during 1990-91 and 466 during 1991-92 upto end of November, 1991. Measures being taken to curb accidents on National Highways include improvement of road geometrics, widening of the road carriage way, intersection modifications, provision of appropriate road signs markings, etc.

Entry of passengers from exit doors in DTC buses

2595. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that drivers and conductors in DTC buses are allowing passengers to enter from exit door causing enormous overcrowding at the exist doors and making it difficult for passengers to get down at their destinations;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take immediate steps to see that passengers (except old people and hedicapped persons) are barred entry into the buses from the exit doors and sav the travelling public from hardshipe and